

**Lake Wylie Marine Commission**  
**November 22, 2010 p.m.**  
**CMC Steel Creek Healthcare Pavilion – Charlotte, NC**  
**Meeting Minutes**



**Commissioners Present:** Chair Smitty Hanks (Gaston County)  
Vice Chair Terry Everhart (Mecklenburg County)  
Secretary Treasurer Howard Virkler (Mecklenburg County)  
Commissioner Ron Wanless (York County)  
Commissioner Vernon Peers (York County)  
Commissioner Ed Hull (York County)  
Commissioner Brad Thomas (Gaston County)  
Commissioner Bill Campbell (Gaston County)

**LWMC Staff Present:** Joe Stowe, Executive Director, Chris Clark, Legal Counsel, Annette Demeny, Commission Clerk

**Item 1 – Welcome and Introductions**

Vice Chairman Everhart called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm (Chairperson Hanks arrived during the stakeholders report.). Vice Chairman Everhart introduced Commissioner Thomas and recognized State Representative Tommy Pope.

**Item 2 – Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from October 25, 2010 were approved as submitted

**Item 3 - Approval of the Agenda**

The November 22, 2010 agenda was approved as submitted.

**Item 4 – Consent Agenda**

No items were submitted on the consent agenda

**Item 5 - Public Comments**

No one present for public comments

**Item 6 – Stakeholders Reports**

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept and SPLASH Report – Officer Terry Everhart reported

- Splash will be at the Carousel Parade, Lake Wylie Winter Parade, and the boat show
- Both boats in the water and available for calls

Gaston County Police Department – Officer Hamrick reported

- Will attend training in January
- Boat available for emergency use only

York County Sheriff's Office – Sgt Brent Mabry reported

- Will do CPR recertification training
- Preparing boats for parade
- Announced a boat safety class is scheduled for 1/11/11 from 9-5 at Law Enforcement Training Center on Stoneybrook Drive

Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Service Agency (LUESA) – David Buetow reported

- Discussed sampling data of lakes turbidity and ph balance.

Duke Energy of the Carolinas – Ronnie Lawson reported

- Lake level – 92% of target
- Drought Management Group – Low Inflow Protocol (LIP) is at Stage 1 (voluntary conservation).
- Allison Creek Access is still closed to repave parking lots.
- Work continues at Buster Boyd Bridge

Lake Wylie Lakekeeper – David Merryman was present to give report

- Tega Cay Water Service which has two discharges into the lake has been operating outside of the permit limits since 2008. The Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation asked DEHC to review two discharge permits recently issued to TCWS. DHEC agreed to suspend all new permits until all facility upgrades are complete and one month of compliance has been achieved. Modifications must be complete by March 10, 2011.
- Mr. Merryman provided an overview of the recent Catawba-Wateree River Basin Advisory Commission meetings. The agreement states that both North and South Carolina agree to work together during times of drought management. Future IBTs will include agreements from both state and will be vigorously scrutinized.
- Ellen Goff appealed to the commission for a \$1,000 donation as part of the Catawba River Challenge Fundraiser. Their goal is to raise \$50,000. The money would be used to match additional grant funding, operating expenses and to increase outreach.

Commissioner Virkler made a motion that Ms. Goff provide addition information for the commission to consider the request. It was seconded by Commissioner Peers and unanimously approved.

### **Item 7 – Treasurer's Report**

Secretary Treasurer Howard Virkler reported. The monthly finance report was distributed to Commissioners prior to the meeting. No questions or changes were made to the finance report.

Commissioner Virkler made a motion to transfer \$50,000 from the reserve account. It was seconded by Commissioner Everhart and it was approved unanimously.

## Item 8 – Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Joe Stowe reported

- **Riversweep – Food for Volunteers** – Mr. Stowe has started to contact local restaurants seeking food donations for next year’s sweep. Commissioner Thomas has agreed to work with Mr. Stowe on this project and recommended developing a package to provide potential donors with the benefits of their donations.
- **Fish Attractors and Osprey Nests** –Dr. Jarman provided an overview of the project in NC to date. He has toured the SC side and found six satisfactory sites for osprey nests and nine sites for fish attractors. Mr. Stowe stated that a grant is available in May which funds projects similar to this. Commissioner Hanks thought the commission should consider waiting until then to utilize the grant money.

Commissioner Virkler made a motion to apply for grant money to pay for the fish attractors and osprey nests. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Everhart. The motion was approved 7-1 (Commissioner Wanless opposed).

**Tega Cay – Pump-out Boat Available** – A new pump-out boat is now available at Tega Cay Marina. The new boat was paid for by a grant from South Carolina Natural Resources. This service is available for free to all SC residents and for a small fee for those in NC.

## Item 9 – Chairman’s Report

Chairman Smitty Hanks reported

- **Bi-State Commission Meeting Update** – Chairman Hank felt that David Merryman gave an excellent update on the settlement and was encouraged that both states are notified of the other’s Interbasin Transfers.

## Item 10 – Old/New Business and Commission Project Reports

- **Fireworks** –Commissioner Virkler is continuing to seek donations to raise money for the fireworks. He is still waiting to hear back from Camp Thunderbird about a “kid to camp” program for leftover firework donations.
- **International Boating and Water safety Conference** – Commissioner Everhart requested \$395 from the commission to pay the registration fee for the conference in March.

Commissioner Virkler made a motion to approve the funding request of \$395 for Commissioner Everhart to attend the conference and that they would consider additional fees for a Gaston County member if Mountain Island Lake MC does not fund it. Commissioner Hull seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

- **Clean Marina** – Commission Campbell reviewed the Clean Marina notebook. The notebook is delivered along with a Clean Marina flag once it has been certified. All marinas are being encouraged to improve to state certification. He would like to research grants and loans or possibly hosting a conference to help marinas achieve this status. He would like this to be a topic at the January meeting.

- **LWMC Website** – Chairman Hanks stated this project was ongoing and that he would like to include a mobile view of the website during the update.
- **Hydrilla Control** – Commissioner Virkler stated that the current controls appear to be doing well and that they will replenish in the spring.
- **SC Sewage Spill Notification** – Commissioner Wanless stated that it is going forward only as a voluntary notification program. It would only pertain to spills of 5,000 gallons or more. He would like to add a place on the website that people can report sewage spills.
- **Buoy Location** – Commissioner Everhart reported that all the buoys on the North Carolina side have been located and their GPS coordinates recorded. He provided maps for the commissioners to review. He will continue the project on the SC in the spring and summer months.
- **LWMC Banner for Tent** – Commissioner Virkler has revised his original proposal to purchase a back drop for the tent. Instead he proposes two banners. He is working with a company to design and manufacture the banners. Commissioner Everhart stated that in order to have these banners ready for the boat show in February, we can't wait to decide until our next meeting.

Commissioner Virkler made a motion to request up to \$1,000 to purchase banners for the tent. Commissioner Everhart seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

#### **Item 11 – Public Comments**

No one present for public comments

#### **Item 12 – Adjournment**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Everhart to adjourn the November 22, 2010 business meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Virkler. The motion was approved.

The next LWMC business meeting will be held on January 24, 2010 at Belmont City Hall.